(d) and (e) The warehouses located at Ghusuri, Ambica Jute Mills, Presidency Jute Mills, South Shyam Nagar Jute Mills, Taratalla, Mallarpur, Sheoraphuli, Bolpur, Belda, Bethuadhari, Habra, Lake Depot, Sarkrpool, Birati and Falta in Calcutta Region are being managed by Junior Superintendents or Technical Assistants for the reasons mentioned in (c) above.

Licences for sugar factories

1398. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the statewise number of applications pending for grant of licences for sugar factories with Government ; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) A statement showing the State-wise number of applications received for grant of Letters of Intent/Industrial Licences for the establishment of new sugar factories which are pending with the Government for consideration, as on 31-3-1992, is annexed. (*See below*).

(b) In view of the large pendency of unimplemented Letters of Intent/Industrial Licences already issued, proposals for setting up of new sugar factories have not yet been taken up for consideration.

Statement

State-wise number of applications received for grant of letters of Intent/Industrial Licences for establishment of new sugar factories which are pending with the government for consideration.

(*As on* 31-3-1992)

Sl. No.	State	No. of applications pending for new sugar factories
1	Uttar Pradesh	221
2	Maharashtra	227
3	Andhra Pradesh	89
4	Punjab	29
5	Orissa	2
6	Madhya Pradesh	10
7	Rajasthan	2
8	Tamil Nadu	27
9	Gujarat	12
10	Haryana	17
11	Bihar	23
12	Karnataka	55
13	Himachal Pradesh	01
14	Kerala	01
	Total	716

Sugar Industry

1399. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sugar industry is in doldrums due to the wavering policy of Government in fixing prices of sugarcane and sugar ; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation and to ensure a rational price set-up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) :(a) No, Sir.

(b) The Statutory Minimum Price of sugar-cane and the ex-factory price/retail